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THE BRITISH COLONIST IS THE ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COLONY THAT RECEIVES TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES.

British Columbian Estimates.

A glance through the complicated official accounts of the revenue and expenditure of British Columbia during the last year is certainly not calculated either to awaken a sense of the administrative ability of the Government or a feeling of satisfaction at the prospect of this Island being drawn into the maelstrom of departmental extravagance which has characterized the Government of British Columbia since she became a separate Colony. The net revenue of the Colony during the year 1865, exclusive of arrears of former years (amounting to less than £5000) was £117,714. The estimated Colonial Revenue was £153,615, showing a deficit of nearly £36,000. On the debit side of the account, the actual Colonial expenditure fell short of the Estimates as voted by nearly £59,000, but arrears of previous years remaining unliquidated swelled up nearly £40,000 of that sum. The total Colonial expenditure, as voted, was £205,728; the actual expenditure £146,978, or, adding arrears, £186,016, showing, in spite of the necessary attempt to economize, an excess of expenditure over revenue of nearly £20,000. The total amount voted for the service of the year, including sinking fund, loans, etc., and for which the revenue was chargeable, was £258,890; the total expenditure £275,586. The deficiency in the estimated revenue arose chiefly from the falling off in the noxious gold export duty, which did not yield one half of the estimate of £25,000. Road tolls fell short by £8,577; miners' certificates and mining receipts by more than £10,000, and tonnage dues, assay fees, licenses, &c., were more or less below the estimate. With the exception of a small surplus under the heads of Customs dues, head-money, postage, land sales and revenue, reimbursements, interest, and miscellaneous receipts, all the estimated items of revenue exceed the actual receipts. The principal saving was effected in that convenient department, the Lands and Works; the two items of roads, streets and bridges, and works and buildings, alone exhibiting a saving of over £42,000; while immigration, interest, and a few other items, are made to assist to a small extent in the retrenchment. With these facts before us, what are the prospects for a solvent balance sheet when the accounts of the present year are closed? The country is already saddled with heavy liabilities, for which the people of this Colony have received no equivalent, and with a large deficit from the preceding year to liquidate from a decreasing revenue, the unconditional Union resolutions confer upon us the inestimable boon of surrendering the right of self-government, and of assuming a co-liability in the concerns of our reckless and insolvent neighbors. Rigid economy is the only means open for the salvation of the two Colonies, and we rejoice to see that Governor Seymour is evincing a determination to apply the pruning knife and to effect retrenchment where it is most needed. When the cumbersome and improvident system of Government which has hitherto preyed like the canker worm on the life springs of these Colonies shall have been pared down to a compass more commensurate with our means, and not until then, can we expect to take fresh strides in the path of progress. The main source of revenue in future will be derived from the customs duties collected at this port. Last year, the importations into Victoria reached \$2,883,000; this year, taking the average of the past ten months, they will probably not exceed \$1,500,000; and the first few months of 1867 will no doubt show a still further decline. Computing the aggregate of next year's importations, however, at only \$1,000,000, this, with the aid of contributions from other sources, should yield sufficient for the moderate requirements of the Government; but unless we desire to stifle our commercial prospects the tariff upon dry goods, clothing and other articles of trade must be modified, and this again will necessitate still greater frugality in our public expenditure before we can hope to tide over our financial embarrassments and restore confidence in this much abused jewel of the British diadem.

CHOICE MILKINERY BY EXPRESS—The new and elegant Show Room lately added to Victoria House, is now replete with the very latest novelties in Trimmed and Untrimmed PARIS BONNETS, Hats, Shawls, Mantles and other fancy articles received yesterday by steamer from Europe.

Union Proclaimed at Nanaimo.

After waiting in anxious suspense, nearly twelve months, for something definite to be done in the way of uniting the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, the Union Act is at length proclaimed to the people of Nanaimo. Justice Franklin read the Proclamation on Wednesday last, at noon, in front of the Court House. There were but few persons present to listen to the reading, and the ceremony was of a very tame and uninteresting character. The people, of course, aware of the importance attached to the Union, but they had become weary in waiting for the Act to be put in force. Their patience has been exhausted, the matter was well-nigh forgotten.

The immediate effect of the Proclamation has been an advance on every description of goods and the market, excepting only, general farm produce, so that the people have to pay a tariff on goods which the merchant has received duty free. The merchant, however, has invested considerable in obtaining an extra stock, in the hope, doubtless, of profiting by the increased price brought about by the advance of the goods, which is only fair should do. Tobacco has gone up two bits a pound, and other goods in a ratio corresponding with the charges imposed by the new tariff. It is needless to state that this new imposition will add very considerably to the cost of living, and in no place more than Nanaimo, where the consequence of its provisions will be felt more acutely than elsewhere. The expenses of Government are reduced to a figure proportioned to the capabilities of the people and country to pay—ought to be sufficient for all the demands of Governor Seymour. A reduction of the duty on some of the most indispensable necessities of life is also required. The Real Estate and Tax will be repealed. Next in order comes the repeal of the Salaries Tax. This is an obvious measure pressed with undue severity on our coal miners, some of whom are positively not able to pay it.

Governor Seymour's reply to the New Westminster Council has provoked a comment at Nanaimo. Recognising the "painful nature" of the "important duties" before him, His Excellency asks, of all the Colonists from Victoria to Cariboo, a lenient and indulgent consideration of his earlier acts. You seem to misconstrue the meaning and intent of this clause. It obviously has reference to what is to be done, not to what has been done. Although not directly asking forgiveness of former errors, the Governor admits that he committed some mistake when he states that "the somewhat over-sanguine expectations of some of his correspondents have not been fully realized." To secure the "lenient and indulgent consideration" which he asks, His Excellency has only to acknowledge the claims and interest of other "cities" as well as those of New Westminster, whose inhabitants, through the Town Council, modestly request that they be not overlooked. The Council seems to accept the return of His Excellency as the "sacred guarantee" that he will treat with interest with more than ordinary care. So ought he to guard the interests of all the "cities" from "Victoria to Cariboo." Nanaimo, with a population as large, or larger, than New Westminster, giving employment to more men, with resources almost boundless—has claims, too, which he should not be "overlooked" or be "indifferent" to Governor Seymour. That His Excellency will endeavor to carry out "the desire to promote harmony and goodwill" we do not doubt, and we indulge pleasant anticipations that his administration, despite the opposite feeling which some in your city entertain, will be fraught with much public benefit to the welfare of the people and to the prosperity of the Colony.

Progress of the Americans in Russia.

(Correspondent of the New York Tribune.)

ADVANCE KOSTROMA, Sept. 3d.

ARRIVAL AT KOSTROMA.

It was Sunday morning rather early when we arrived at Kostroma, and the first man at the landing was the Governor of the three provinces and a vast extent of the country—Lieutenant General Ruzhitsch. He came down alone, in brilliant uniform and smiling face, inviting us at once to his official residence, and then accompanied us all the day till midnight, when we steamed away up the river. After this the Governor, we followed "Fox" another functionary, known as the President or Marshall of the Nobility—Karsod— a man evincing of great importance in the place, whose office denotes the continuance of marked distinctions in society here, and especially of the ruling power of the Nobles. Thence to the Mayor's, a man elected from the merchant class, and treated as an consequence; thence to the cathedral of the Assumption, dating 1239, and very little altered since, containing gold, silver and jewels, like all the principal Greek churches, of immense value; thence to the old residence of the Romanoffs before they became Czars, remarkable for its very small doors, thick walls and narrow windows; and thence to iron and other factories.

At breakfast on our steamer we were attended by about five thousand men, women and children, who lined the shores, climbing on freight boats, or sailed around us, and did up the cheering in a very loyal fashion. When the crowd approached in Russia, there is always a loud shout, and a powerful bass voice who begins with the syllable 'Hoo,' at which the entire mass take the cue and sing out with powerful effect a long drawn 'Ra-wa,' like the rising and then gradually falling curve of a projectile. Old 'Hoo' has become an old acquaintance and a household word to the party.

THE DINNER TO THE EMBASSY.

The dinner was at 5 o'clock, in the great City House or Society Hall of the nobility of the district. It is a splendid building with marble halls; in the dining room there was a gallery for ladies, and behind it a row of some circular, ovalish windows, like those sometimes seen in ancient churches, made to peep through for courtiers and dames who do not wish it to be known whether they are there or elsewhere. Music superb—indeed everything about Kostroma charmed us, perhaps because the common people seemed superior to the majority we had been accustomed to see, or because in their midst we found the only pretty women we had met outside the French fashion classes.

THE SPEECH OF WELCOME.

Karsod, the Marshall of the nobility, in offering the first toast, said the appearance of Fox, the Ambassador of the United States, among them, was certainly a proof of the sympathy of the American people with the Russians; but was likewise a bond of friendship between two nations as strong and lasting as possible between countries of such similarity of national greatness. Russia and America travelled by different paths, but were obtaining the same results. They invited the people freedom of labor founded on the rights of man. The beneficent reform of giving liberty to 21,000,000 of people had been endorsed and carried into effect by the nobility; voluntary service was now the foundation of the new civil structure which their noble monarch had inaugurated in every department of civil life in Russia. And all this has been carried out without any disturbance of order. With all their hearts they thanked Fox and his companions, as representatives of the United States and the whole American nation, which has been so friendly to us, [Applause.]

FOX'S RESPONSE.

Fox responded, as follows: "Kostroma has surrounded us with welcome. Outside a great crowd singing the exciting national songs of Russia. Within are mingled the melodies of the two nations, and those glorious flags sacred to history. In the galleries, too, far separated from us are the angels who bless our meeting by their presence."

ness. Pilgrims from the New World will have come hither desiring to associate with you, or even to take the name of the United States, to plant on this sacred soil the sympathies which the people of that great country commissioned me to express at the danger which menaced your beloved Emperor. And we pray that the seed thus sown may bear a perennial harvest of fraternal feeling between the two nations forever and forever. (Great applause.) Let us drink to his Excellency the Governor, the Marshall of the Nobility, to the Mayor and to the people of Kostroma."

SPEECH OF CURTIN.

Curtin, in the course of the evening, got off the following, for which he had to suffer another tossing. "There are places which will be their sacred and glorious memories have such a significance that at sight of them our hearts are involuntarily filled with emotion. On one of those places, sacred to the glorious past, we find ourselves to-day. At a time of suffering and trial, when Russia, without a czar, was harassed by enemies who hoped to ruin and destroy her, in Kostroma lived a young boy, the worthy to be chosen Emperor of the deliverer of Russia at the universal call of the people of Russia. When the life of the newly elected chief was in danger, in Kostroma was found a peasant who gladly laid down his life for his native land. Centuries later, when the guilty hand of an assassin was raised against the descendant of Michael Romanoff, the Kostroma Boy, God's providence, watching over the destinies of Russia, did not permit such a crime to be accomplished, and the hand of a Kostroma peasant a second time saved the land from unspeakable misery. Such is the significance of Kostroma. She gave a line of life to Russia, and she is the life of our country's sovereign's life. Therefore it is that Kostroma is honored in Russia; therefore it is that we Americans are standing here to-day at the cradle of the house of Romanoff, having come from our distant fatherland to give you our greetings and congratulations upon the preservation of your Emperor's life and upon the heroism and virtue of your illustrious townsman, Sasin and Komissaroff, the saviors of Michael Romanoff and Alexander II. Therefore I ask the honor of proposing a toast to the prosperity of beautiful Kostroma." [Cheers and applause.]

An Ingenious Thief.

Henry Schneider lives at No. 678 Eighth avenue, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets. He has only been in the country a few years, and left behind him in "Faderland," a young brother, John, from whom he has not heard for some time. Henry appeared lately before Justice Connolly and preferred a charge of grand larceny against one Earl Ackerman, who is 18 years of age, a paper hanger, and resident at No. 95 Avenue A. It appears that on Saturday evening, the 22nd instant, the accused went to Mr Schneider's house and introduced himself as a very particular friend of the bearer of a message from the complainant's brother, whom he had seen in Germany just previous to the time he left there for this country. Mr Schneider did all he could to make his new acquaintance feel at home; they drank, they smoked and chatted together until a late hour, when they separated. Ackerman started for home. Just before leaving, however, he informed Schneider that a certain young and pretty German acquaintance had seen him (Schneider) somewhere and had fallen deeply in love with him, and desired to obtain an introduction to him. The information pleased the credulous Schneider, and he was most happy to promise that if Ackerman would call for him on the following (Sunday) evening he would go to Lizzie with him and make her acquaintance. The prisoner prepared faithfully to call for him at the appointed hour, and then left. He had not been gone long, however, before Mr Schneider had occasion to get some papers from the inside breast-pocket of his coat, which hung upon a clothes-rack in the room. What was his astonishment upon putting his hand into his pocket, to find that his pocket-book, containing \$55, had been abstracted therefrom during the interview with his friend. He was utterly at a loss to know who could have committed the deed, not for a moment suspecting that his dear brother's friend would do such a thing. Here the matter dropped for the time. Sunday evening came, but with it Ackerman came not. On Tuesday morning, however, rang the front-door bell of Mr Schneider's house, and he answered it in person, glad to believe that the visitor must be his friend for whom he was patiently waiting. Instead, however, of seeing a gentleman he beheld a young lady, neatly dressed, and quite pretty. He invited her into the parlor, where, after being seated, she introduced herself as Miss Stein, the actress. She said that, unable to get an introduction through Mr Ackerman, she had presented herself in person, and hoped he would not think the action bold or presumptuous on her part. Schneider thought he recognized the voice of his Saturday evening friend, and upon closer examination of his features, he was almost certain that his impression was correct. He thereupon seized his visitor's bonnet, tore it from his head, pulled off his "waterfall," and let his recognition without dispute. He then began to think that it was possible that his brother's friend had committed the theft. Upon charging Ackerman with it, he acknowledged having taken the money. He was therefore arrested and brought before Justice Connolly, who committed him for trial without bail. His appearance in court, in female apparel created considerable merriment among the spectators. Being of fair complexion, and quite handsome, he has little difficulty in passing himself off upon others as one of the softer sex.—N. Y. Times.

A CLEVER SWINDLER.

A Glasgow Journal states that recently a tall, well-dressed man, with long black hair, seemingly about 35 years of age, engaged lodgings at a respectable house, and, upon being asked, stated that he was a commercial traveller for an establishment in Birmingham, and said that he intended to reside in Southport for a week or two for the benefit of his health. His luggage consisted of one trunk, which apparently contained his clothes and other property, and he was undoubtedly possessed of a large sum of money, and had several fine shirts, which were marked Rowland Wilson. After he had been in his lodging some three or four days, a letter arrived addressed to him. It contained the halves of three £10 Bank of England Notes. He read the letter to his landlady, and having done so, requested that she should take care of the halves until he should arrive. In little more than an hour afterwards the gentleman received a telegraphic dispatch intimating that his wife had been attacked by Asiatic cholera, and requesting his immediate attendance in Birmingham, if he wished to see his wife alive. He at once communicated this startling intelligence to his landlady, informing her at the same time that he was unfortunately short of money until the promised halves of the notes were sent him. In this dilemma he applied to the good natured landlady for the loan of £20, as security for which he would leave the three-half £10 notes, together with his trunk, adding that when the expected letter with the remaining halves of the notes should arrive, she could open the letter, repay herself, and send the balance, along with his luggage to No. 176, Porter street, Birmingham. The landlady, unfortunately for herself, complied with his request, supplied him with the needed aid, and Mr Rowland, without delay, set off to visit his dying wife. Several days elapsed, but the promised letter with the half notes did not arrive, which aroused suspicion, and induced an enquiry, which ended in the discovery that no such person or address as had been given him could be found, and the three half notes proved to be forged ones. On his trunk being opened, it was found to contain only a pair of old boots and some crumpled-up paper.

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A first-class Florence Sewing Machine, Cost \$95, to be sold for \$70, in perfect order, with extra fittings—can be seen at Mr. KENT'S Store, Fort Street, And Instructions given if required. 2212

NOTICE.

Office of the Phoenix Coal and Lumber Co. (Limited). 2212

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY, held this day, ONE DOLLAR AND A HALF per share on the Capital of the Company was made payable within 21 days from this date, to me, at my office, 2212

\$25 REWARD.

THE ABOVE REWARD WILL BE paid to any person or persons furnishing information which may lead to the conviction of the accused who has been charged with the theft of a gold watch, from the corner of Chancery street, on the park leading to Beach Hill, between 7 and 8 p.m., November 18th, 1866. 2212

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Monday Morning, November 26, 1866
Shipping Intelligence.
PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
ENTERED
Nov 21—None
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CLEARED.
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DEPARTURE.
At Nainaimo, Nov. 18th, the wife of Mr. M. Bates, of a daughter.
Auction Sales To-day.
MESSRS FRANKLIN, Government street, at 12 o'clock, noon, first-class City Property.

INTERIOR TELEGRAMS.—We condense from the *Columbian* some interesting telegraphic items from the interior of the colony. Cariboo dates are to 22nd Nov.: Adair & Brown, of the William Creek Bed-Rock Drain, have sold out to Anderson & McLaren... Heron, of the Heron Claim, Grouse Creek, has been presented by his partners with a gold watch and buckle, as a mark of esteem... Jack of Clubs and Canadian Creeks are to be thoroughly prospected during the winter... The Kaby, Forest Rose, Cameron and Last Chance Claims, on William Creek, are paying well... The Watson and Welsh Companies are running through bed-rock, and building a flume... On Grouse Creek, for the two last weeks, the Heron Company had paid dividends amounting to \$1300 to the share. The Discovery, Full-Rig and Shy Robin, on the same creek, are paying largely... On Conklin Gulch, the United Company paid 435 ounces in two weeks... On Cedar Creek, the Aurora have taken out over \$7000; they expect to work until the 1st December. The Discovery is taking out an ounce a day to the hand. J. Sellers & Co. have just sunk a shaft on a bar that has been formed on the side of the lake at the mouth of the creek, and found a stratum of pay dirt six feet in thickness at a depth of 17 feet; the dirt prospects from 5 to 25 cents to the pan. The company are preparing to drift. There are 30 to 35 men on this creek; 8 or 10 will winter there to saw lumber. The Aurora will require 30,000 feet, as they intend to tail into the lake... P. C. Duaneau, of Soda Creek ranch, was shot through the calf of the leg, on the 22nd, by the discharge of a loaded rifle, which had been left standing in a room, and which was accidentally knocked down... The steamer Enterprise has made her last trip for the season.

QUARTZ MILL PROSPECTS.—We have been shown the prospects of a company to be formed by Mr. J. B. Chancelier, an old quartz miner, for the erection of an eight-stamp mill on Hixon Creek. The mill will be driven by water. The company is to consist of five members, each member to hold four shares, each share to be two hundred and fifty dollars, the whole capital to be five thousand dollars. The machinery is to be purchased in San Francisco by Mr. Chancelier, who is to be general manager. Application has been made to the Gold Commissioner for three hundred inches of the water of Hixon Creek to drive the mill.

OFFICIAL CHANGES.—The *Columbian*, as usual, is full of sensational rumors concerning the official changes. It establishes Mr. Begbie in the position of Chief Justice, and having disposed of Mr. Needham as going home, elevates Mr. Crease to the Bench, and appoints Mr. Walkem Attorney General. Mr. Franks is summarily dismissed as Treasurer, and his office amalgamated with that of the Collector of Customs. These statements are apparently all made at haphazard, and are more likely to be untrue than correct. Our contemporary, seemingly, knows nothing about the "changes," and is only pumping for information.

FROM THE EAST COAST.—The steamer Sir James Douglas arrived on Saturday afternoon from Comox, Nanaimo and the settlements, bringing twelve passengers and freight, including twelve splendid hogs, the property of Messrs. Thompson & McKelvey, farmers, of Comox. Messrs. Samuel Harris and Davis, from the Comox Coal mine, were on board. The steamer experienced rough weather during the trip. The Nicholas Biddle was loaded, and the Isabel had arrived from Burrard Inlet to tow her down.

FESTIVAL.—On Saturday the eldest son of Mr. H. M. Cohen, having reached the age of thirteen—at which age the spiritual responsibility of a father for his son's acts, according to the Jewish creed, ceases—a number of friends enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Cohen at his residence. Amid the ceremonies the printer was not forgotten, and the good health and long life of the young scion of the house of Cohen were heartily drunk by our staff.

SPANISH AND FRENCH CLASSES.—Messrs. B. Dells requests us to state that he will open a new class for beginners on the 1st of Dec. next. Parties desirous of going through a regular course of lessons in Spanish or French are requested to call prior to the 1st of next month, as no new pupils will be admitted after that date in the classes, in order not to retard the progress of the more advanced ones.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Elocution Class will meet this evening, at eight o'clock, when the following readings and recitations will be given:—"Marion," a romance of the French school, a recitation by Mr. W. K. Bull; a recitation by Julius Caesar, by Mr. Young; a reading, by Mr. Orr; a paper on the early history of Vancouver Island, by Mr. C. B. Young; a recitation, by Mr. Rennie.

A MISTAKE.—The *Columbian* says: "The *Colonist* states that the appointment of Judge Begbie as Chief Justice would be regarded on the island in the light of a public calamity." Our neighbor misrepresents us. What we said was that the retirement of Chief Justice Needham would be regarded as a "public calamity."

WESLEYAN TEA MEETING.—The seventh annual tea meeting of the Wesleyan Church will take place on the 19th proximo in the basement of the church. These annual gatherings have always been of a very agreeable nature, and as the object is a worthy one we hope to see the forthcoming entertainment largely attended.

NANAIMO A RE-UNION BALL is to come off at Nanaimo next week in honor of the union of the colonies.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived on Saturday evening with sixty passengers. The steamer Reliance had arrived at New Westminster from Yale with 50 passengers. While passing the "Sisters," below Yale, she got caught in the "riffle," and lost the whole of her guards along one side.

GOVERNOR SEYMOUR announces that he will receive all those who wish to see him on every Wednesday and Saturday morning, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Persons who may desire to bring matters of public importance before him will be received any week day within the hours mentioned.

A PETITION from twenty electors residing on the Douglas Portage, whose votes were not recorded by the returning officer in the late contest between Robson and Black for the Legislative Council, has been handed to Governor Seymour. The petitioners pray that a poll may be taken on the portage.

VICTORIA RIFLE CORPS.—No. 1 Company, Monday, at 8 p.m.; No. 2 Company, Thursday, at 8 p.m.; Sword drill, Wednesday, at 8 p.m.; Finance Meeting of the Corps, Wednesday, at 8:30 p.m.—By order, J. GORDON VINTER, Adj.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—The St. Andrew's Society will hold their annual dinner at the Colonial Hotel, on Friday evening, 30th inst. The installation of officers will take place at the Colonial Hotel, at six o'clock, on the same evening.

REFUNDING.—Not only the collection of the double port charges but the head-money has been discontinued, and parties who paid the illegal exactions may now receive their money back upon application at the custom-house.

H. B. W. AIRMAN gives notice in the *Government Gazette* that he intends to apply at the next Hilary Term of the Supreme Court to be admitted and enrolled as Attorney and Solicitor of the said Court.

THE FIDELITY.—From this port for Portland, was lying in Neah Bay, near Cape Flattery, as late as Wednesday last. She was detained by severe weather outside the Straits.

"THE WIRES."—The line continued down during yesterday; the weather has been most severe throughout Washington Territory, and the wires have been broken in several places by falling trees.

SALE OF A SLOOP.—On Wednesday, by order of the mortgagee, Mr. McCreia will sell the sloop Leonede, 14 22-96 tons register, and well found in sails, rigging, anchor, chains, &c.

"MONITOR" announces that he did not sign the Needham petition. Perhaps that is the reason the name of every respectable man is attached to the document.

TENDERS for the conveyance of a monthly mail from Ashcroft to French Creek, etc., are requested until the 29th inst. by the Acting Postmaster General.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Messrs Franklin will sell the Bank of British Columbia building, the Bee-Hive Hotel and other property, at noon today.

BASE BALL.—A match played on Saturday by the Olympic and City Base Ball Clubs resulted in an easy victory for the first named.

THE ISABEL, having the coal-laden ship Nicholas Biddle in tow, arrived from Nanaimo last evening.

THE ACTIVE doubtless left San Francisco for this port at noon on Saturday, and may be looked for on Wednesday.

THERE WERE NO SIGNS of the Sparrowhawk, with Governor Seymour, at Esquimalt, up to a late hour last evening.

THE CONSTANTINE has gone on the ways at Laings'.

THE OTTER has commenced to take in cargo for the North.


THE GUNBOAT Forward returned to Esquimalt from San Juan yesterday morning.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The Sure Cure.—As the battle of life has to be fought, and by the nature of the disease and constitutionally strong, how momentous is the preservation of the former class from the ravages of the latter. A scrofulous system, which could have been removed at once by Holloway's Medicaments, grows from the want of the commonest precautions into a chronic malady, which throws the sufferer on the bed of sickness and his family on the verge of ruin. They will save both parents and children from much misery, and, above all, they will deliver their possessors from a disease, which, if not cured, will end in a doctor's heavy charges.

THE BEST REMEDY for Purifying the Blood, strengthening the Nerves, restoring the Lost Appetite, and curing all Skin Diseases, is HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS. It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, and is used by the most distinguished medical men. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and can be given to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every package. TRY IT! For sale at the wholesale and retail drug stores and grocers. EMIL FRESCH, Wholesale Druggist, Sole Agent, 410 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

A New and Grand Epoch in Medicine.—Dr. MAGGIORI is the founder of a new medical system. Dr. Maggiori, who has been practicing for over 40 years, has discovered the true cause of all diseases, and has found the true remedy. His system is based on the principle of "restoration," and his remedy is a simple and safe one. It is a true and reliable remedy, and can be given to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every package. TRY IT! For sale at the wholesale and retail drug stores and grocers. EMIL FRESCH, Wholesale Druggist, Sole Agent, 410 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

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AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
J. A. M'CREA.
Instructed by the Trade Assignees of Wm. Alexander, of Nanaimo,
On a Liberal Credit,
Thirty and Sixty days, approved endorse paper.
The Stock consists of a general variety of
Groceries,
Provisions,
Indian Goods
Clothing,
Dry Goods,
Fancy Goods,
Boots & Shoes
Full Particulars in this Evening and to-morrow's Paper. no26

Auction Sales.
AUCTION.
Wednesday, Nov. 28.
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, NOON,
AT SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,
J. A. M'CREA
WILL SELL
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

Sloop Leonede
As she now lays at Dickson, Campbell & Co.'s wharf: 14 22-96 Tons Register, well found in Sails, Rigging, Anchor, Chain, etc., &c.

TERMS CASH.
ACTS OF SALE AT BUYER'S EXPENSE no26
Tobacco! Cigars!
WELL & CO.
226 Front Street.
SOLE IMPORTERS OF THE FINEST LOWING BRANDS OF HALF POUNDS, SUPERIOR TO ANY IN THE MARKET.
FRUIT BASKET,
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THIS INVALUABLE MEDICINE for weak and impaired digestion, may be had in the form of POWDER, PEPSEIN, GLOBULES IN BOTTLES, and in order, WINE, and LOZENGES. The POWDER is PURE, the WINE UNALTERABLE, and the LOZENGES A NEW, AGREEABLE, and convenient manner of taking the medicine. Manufactured by
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31, 33, and 124, Southampton Row, Russell Square, London.
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GELATINE (Morson's Patent) MORSON'S KIDNEYNOTE,
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Orders to be made payable in London. no1

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Is instructed to sell,
AT SALESROOM,
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AT 12 O'CLOCK,
The following Desirable Property:
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Each Lot to be sold separately. Particulars hereafter.
ALSO
By order of the Mortgagee,
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Tuesday, Dec. 4th,
AT 12 O'CLOCK,
AT SALESROOM
Wharf Street
THE LOT AND BRICK EDIFICE ADJOINING THE SYNAGOGUE, Pandora Street. The Property consists of two substantial brick houses on Stone foundations, built by Mr. Copland, at a heavy expense and large outlay, with the very best materials and workmanship.
There are 17 apartments in the main building, and in the rear a weather boarded Cottage, hard finished, with six adjoining rooms for stores and servant's department.
A Well of water, and also a large supply of rain water from pipes surrounding the house, Chicken house, Stable, and a substantial fence dividing the yard.
There is a loan of two thousand dollars due on the 10th of December, the interest on which is all paid up to date; this amount must be paid to the Mortgagee or his Solicitor; but the remainder of the purchase money, except auction charges, can remain at one per cent. per month for any term not exceeding two years; title first-class. A private sale can be effected, or a transfer of the Mortgage.
The above is a good investment, there being a likelihood that the premises will be bought for a public building in February. For further particulars, or a view of the premises, apply at the office of
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